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Rep. Harder Calls on Iraqi Government to Stop Destruction of the Wall of Nineveh

MODESTO — Today, Representative Josh Harder (CA-10) called on the Iraqi government to immediately cease the destruction of the Nineveh Wall. In recent days, distressing images of bulldozers plowing through the Nineveh Wall archeological site near the Nergal Gate have come to light. This World Heritage Site built more than 4,000 years ago is a fundamental piece of Assyrian history.

"The Nineveh Wall is an essential piece of world history and carries a great deal of meaning for the Assyrian people in my community and around the world. After it was saved from destruction at the hands of ISIS just a few years ago, it's heartbreaking to see it broken by the very people who were entrusted to protect it," **said Rep. Harder.** "Today, I'm calling on the Iraqi government to stop all construction that would damage the site and immediately begin restoration efforts to reconstruct this incredibly important landmark."

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